THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

W.P.No.17138 of 2007

Date:22.08.2007

Between:

K.Gopi.

..... PETITIONER

AND

The District Collector and another.

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RESPONDENTS

ORDER:

The father of the petitioner was granted a licence to run a Saw Mill at Sankranthipalli Bangarupalyam of Chittoor District. He died on 22.10.1992. Thereafter, the petitioner got the licence renewed for some time up to 1996. From 1997 onwards, the licence was not renewed. However, the petitioner made a representation on 22.12.2003 to the second respondent with a prayer to transfer the licence in his name. His grievance is that no action has been taken thereon.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Pleader for Forests.

The grant of licence and renewal thereof is provided for under the A.P. Saw Mill Regulation Rules. The procedure to be followed for transfer of licences is also prescribed therein. In addition to that, the Supreme Court issued certain guidelines

through its orders in W.P.No.202 of 1995, and committees at Central and State level were constituted for that purpose. The questions as to whether the licence in question subsists and whether it can be transferred and renewed at this stage, need to be considered by the second respondent. The application of the petitioner cannot be kept pending indefinitely.

Hence, the writ petition is disposed of, directing the second respondent to pass appropriate orders on the representation made by the petitioner on 22.12.2003, within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. There shall be no order as to costs.

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23.08.2007

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